



## Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
ODC TRAINING ROOM 3, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR  
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY  
LAS VEGAS, NV

### DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, March 5, 2014  
2:00 P.M.

#### ATTENDANCE

##### LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

JOHN STEINBECK, NICOLE HART, , BRIAN PASSOW, IRENE NAVIS, WENDY PAGAN, RICHARD BRENNER, CALESHA JOHNSON, JAMES OLSCHLAGER, KEVIN NICHOLSON, DAVE DAHL, CAROLYN LEVERING, FELIX ACEVEDO, BILL RICHARDSON, DONNIE FOSTER, JEFF LYTLE, MICHAEL JACQUES, ELAINE HOUSER, DEAN KIERNAN, LEO FERNS, JACQUELINE RESZATAR, TODD LERICOS, *DAVID STUHAN*,

##### LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

JASON MOYER, JEFF YEAGLEY, STEVE HOLLY, , YURI GRAVES, RENEE TYLER, KATHRYN DOTCHIN, RICHARD DOHME, ED WILDS, DAVID MILLS

##### LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

DAVE GOSS, MIKE MURPHY, GEOFFREY WILLIAMS, TOM AXTELL, SCOTT FULLER, ROY MICHAEL, JEFF BUCHANAN, KURT ADAIR, PHIL KLEVORICK, RICHARD RESNICK, RYAN TURNER, GLENN CLOSSON, MIKE RICHARDSON, SANDY SEDA, JOHN WOOSNAM, RONALD FRAAS, FERNANDEZ LEARY

#### I. Call to Order

John Steinbeck, LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:04 P.M. on Wednesday March 5, 2014.

#### II. Roll Call

Misty Richardson, quorum present

#### III. Public Comments

- No comments

#### IV. Comments from the Chair

- The Chair introduced himself as the newly appointed LEPC Chair as well as recently promoted to Deputy Fire Chief and the County Emergency Manager. He provided some background for how long he had been with the Department as well as his involvement in the Urban Search and Rescue Team NVTF-1. The Chair then introduced the new Vice-Chair, Nicole Hart.
- Nicole Hart, LEPC Vice Chair, introduced herself and thanked everyone for their support in her new role as LEPC Vice-Chair. She then referenced an earlier presentation by the OST and asked all in law enforcement to contact David Stuhan about having a presentation directly given to their agencies executive leadership.

#### V. Approval of the November 13, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion, by Richard Brenner: To accept the minutes as recorded.

Seconded, by Richard Wells.

No discussion, motioned carried.

- VI. Approve and Recommend the FY15 SERC Planning, Training, Equipment and Operations Grant application up to \$30,000.00

Richard Brenner presented by stating that there were a number of agencies who had applied, he named the following agencies: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department SWAT and ARMOR units (LVMPD), Southern Nevada Hospital Coalition, Clark County Fire Department and University Medical Center (UMC). The subcommittee met and looked at the different projects that were applied for and came up with some ideas and then put the grant together. Richard advised that LVMPD was looking for atmospheric monitors for chemical detection. UMC was looking to purchase decon equipment, the Hospital Coalition was interested in operational level hazmat training and a train the trainer program. Richard state that those were the projects that put the grant together for, then offered for any of the agencies submitting for funds in the application to speak, nobody came forward.

Irene Navis then offered to read the application for the record. No planning money allocated, \$17,000 in training to Southern Nevada Hospital Coalition, \$13,000 for equipment and \$4,000 for operations for a total of \$34,000.00

Motion, by Carolyn Levering: To approve the application as submitted  
Seconded, by Brian Passow.  
No discussion, motioned carried

**VII. Union Pacific Railroad**

Robert Bavier, Manager of Chemical/Transportation for Union Pacific Railroad, offered a compliment to the Clark LEPC for how well attended this meeting was and how enjoyable it is working with this County, he then began narrating through his presentation and discussing the roles and responses of the railroad, specifically Union Pacific (*please see attached*). In closing he mentioned future testing and training opportunities and answered questions from the committee.

**VIII. Update on NVWarn activities**

Kevin Fisher, Director Las Vegas Valley Water District gave a brief presentation about the mixed assets throughout the valley and the restrictions that are present for water response. He cited issues in being able to respond in times of community need and not being able to cross State lines without declared emergencies and mentioned Hurricane Katrina. Power companies were able to cross State lines in Katrina but there were restrictions on what water companies could do to help initially. Because of Katrina, the American Water Works Association developed WARN. WARN is a network across the United States that is presently only intrastate, this means that any water authority can help another in Nevada to prepare for or respond to a catastrophic emergency that affects the water systems. Kevin detailed the organization of the network and the importance of having agencies being able to work together quickly. Kevin discussed recent local uses of the system with helping Trout Canyon residents and answered questions.

**IX. FirstNet State and Local Implementation Grant Program**

George Molnar, Nevada Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, mentioned that the common thread of all previous presentations this afternoon was communications. At a high level, George provided an overview of how increasingly important interoperable communications has become over the past 15 years. George informed the group that they are working on a new National Emergency Communications Plan that will be released later this year and he will keep the group informed so that they can make the best decisions when seeking grant funding. He then advised the committee that on January 8, 2014, Gov. Sandoval signed the first executive order of the year authorizing the State of Nevada's Public Safety Communications Committee (PSCC), this will replace the SONNET Committee as well as the

Nevada Communications Steering Committee and incorporates Next Generation 911 Planning Commission, these are all coming together as one body.

George then went on to say he will be representing Nevada next week in Phoenix at a Western States meeting for FirstNet. At this meeting they will be providing a business plan and a road map of what their plans are for the remainder of the year as well as consultation for the state process. George then advised he would have more detail to share after this meeting and will be in touch with those that will have a need for public safety broadband and will work with them directly. There will be a regional office here in Las Vegas (region 9). George then explained what FirstNet was and who it was being offered to and what the service basically provided. George then announced the following meetings: The Nevada Communications Interoperability Summit will be held at NVTF-1 on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, everyone is invited to attend. The second meeting will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for Amateur Radio colleagues. He then answered questions from the committee.

X. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

a. **Plans Administration Subcommittee**

Richard Brenner advised that the group did not meet this quarter but that they will be meeting about their TTX that was done in Nov/Dec and he would like to work on a plan that involves storm drains and contaminants.

b. **Training Subcommittee**

Ric LaPorte reported that Clark OEM just finished the Hazard Mitigation Workshop that was presented by the State. He also advised that CCOEM is participating in the Tremor Exercise.

c. **Grants Subcommittee**

Irene Navis reported, that to finish up the PT&E grant discussed earlier she would make sure to get that on the Board of County Commissioners agenda, in the meantime to meet the deadline they will submit the application pending approval of the board. Further, she advised she would be submitting any additional HMEP requests that anyone wants to put forward as there is no formal application at this time the SERC is looking for our ideas, she stated that Richard Brenner and her have been collecting those and will submit them by Friday, anyone else that has any please go ahead and get those in by noon Friday so she can get them turned in to SERC.

Irene then advised the committee that CCOEM is short staffed and that she has been filling in for the grants position, she thanked everyone for their patience and that the position should be filled soon.

d. **Public Information Subcommittee**

No report

e. **Legislative Subcommittee**

Irene Navis reported that there have been no meetings of this subcommittee due to the fact the legislature is not in session, though she reminded everyone that Bill Draft Reviews will begin June - September. Irene advised that by the August meeting she will no better what they should be watching for in the next session.

f. **GIS Subcommittee**

Richard Wells reported on the recent first meeting of the new LEPC GIS subcommittee. He stated that it was evident upon just the first meeting that there had been a great deal of work already done in the community using GIS tools for

emergency planning, he then cited a few of those agencies. Richard then discussed an upcoming survey that the subcommittee would be conducting amongst the LEPC membership and asked for membership cooperation. He advised that the goal of the GIS subcommittee was to heighten awareness of the many geospatial capabilities, resources, methods and data that are available to help assist in the emergency planning process. The Chair approved the survey and then Richard entertained questions from the committee.

**g. Community Awareness & Emergency Response (CAER)**

Richard Brenner reported on behalf of the CAER advising that they are putting in a reverse 911 system. This will be used at the BMI Complex where they will use this notification to the different industries in the area as well as the various dispatch centers. On March 25 they will hold an exercise utilizing this system.

**h. Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)**

Connie Morton reported what COAD is and who makes up the membership. She advised that they have not met since the Table Top Exercise TTX held in November, though there is a meeting planned for next week. More to report at the May meeting.

**i. Emergency Management Coordinators Group**

Calesha Johnson advised that she wasn't in attendance at the last EMC meeting and could therefore not provide a report. She further stated that Sunrise Hospital was planning to host the summer meeting.

**j. Metropolitan Medical Response Update**

No report

**k. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update**

Irene Navis reported on behalf of Phil Klevorick. Irene advised that the President's budget was released yesterday with zero funding allocated to Yucca Mountain, she stated that the last year the project was fully funded was 2009. She advised that instead of allocating funding to Yucca the budget reflected \$79 million dollars for the research of transportation storage and disposal of consent based citing of a nuclear repository. Irene advised on February 21<sup>st</sup> Clark County was invited to provide an update to the Nevada State Legislature the Committee on High Level Radioactive Waste she advised that all of the testimony from that agenda is available on the website and because of that she said she wouldn't go into great detail. Irene then gave a high level brief of what was covered in that meeting as well as some of the questions and concerns the Committee has. An additional meeting will be set before the Interim Finance Committee to discuss funding needs in Nevada. She further stated that she anticipated this issue to be coming before the 2015 Legislature again.

**l. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)**

Richard Brenner reported that presently they are working on getting all of the grant applications from the different counties in, the deadline is Friday.

Richard then informed the group of Suzanne Adams' recent retirement. He advised the committee that they are short staffed at the SERC office, though they are in the process of hiring a new staff member. They are also putting together a grant package that will be coming out soon called the United We Stand Grant. This grant is specifically for combatting terrorism. Richard advised the committee that when it comes out to remember that the application must be focused on terrorism and response to terrorism, this is also a \$30,000 grant.

**m. Satellite Phone Update**

Richard Brenner reported on behalf of the work group since Dan Lake recently retired. He gave a brief of what the group was about and mentioned the limitation to Sat phones whereas initially everyone thought it was the answer to all problems. Richard will work with Misty in the future to have someone new designated as the lead.

**n. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report**

*(see attached report provided by Mike Ardito )*

**n. ARES/RACES Update**

No report

**XI. Public Comments**

- Yuri Graves, City of Henderson announced that everyone on the LEPC would be getting an invitation the Henderson's Get Ready Stay Ready campaign that the mayor will be kicking off later in the month.
- Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas announced that the City of Las Vegas has thrown down a challenge to Clark County and the City of Henderson to participate in an emergency kit cook-off that will feature local elected officials and professional chefs using mystery non-perishable food items that may be found in an emergency kit. The event will be held in September to launch National Preparedness month and it will also highlight the City of Las Vegas Urban Garden Initiative.

**Next LEPC meeting: Wednesday May 14, 2014 at 9:00 A.M., Pueblo Room Clark County Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy.**

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion, by Richard Brenner: To adjourn

Seconded, by Irene Navis.

No discussion, motioned carried.

Meeting ended at 3:20 PM